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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

June 30, 2014

The Honorable Mike McIntyre
U.S. House of Representatives
2428 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McIntyre:

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The Honorable David McKinley
U.S. House of Representatives
412 Cannon House Office Building
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1516 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
508 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Michael Michaud
U.S. House of Representatives
1724 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
U.S. House of Representatives
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Noem:

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The Honorable Rick Nolan
U.S. House of Representatives
2447 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Alan Nunnelee
U.S. House of Representatives
1427 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Tom Petri
U.S. House of Representatives
2462 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
1318 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Reid Ribble
U.S. House of Representatives
1513 Longworth House Office Building
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